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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8744**  
Shinya TABATA et al. : **Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1823A**  
Serial No. 10/517,261 : **Group Art Unit 2615**  
Filed December 7, 2004 : **Examiner Joseph Saunders, Jr.**  
**LOUDSPEAKER** : **Mail Stop AF**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: